instructions to the authorities to stop supply of this rice. This has been done for a long time and in spite of that there are a few cases of supply of bad quality rice and I do not know where the fault lies. That is why I asked the department yesterday to look into the matter after representations had been made in that behalf by certain hon. Members in this House."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Can these complaints be put an end to if the zones are abolished? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The zonal system has nothing to do with this because this is with reference to supply of rice at controlled price through Government agency. That is not going to alter the pattern in any way."

## UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

*Improvement of minor ports.*

35 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government applied to the Government of India to advance a loan towards the improvement and repairs of the minor ports in our State;

(*b*) what are the ports to be improved and repaired;

(*c*) what is the estimated cost of improvements and repairs to each of the ports; and

(*d*) what is the amount sanctioned by the Government of India to the State Government and the interest charged per annum?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*)—

| | Original estimate. | Revised estimate. |
|---|---|---|
| | RS. | RS. |
| Cuddalore .. .. | 1,19,000 | 1,19,000 |
| Nagapattinam .. .. | 2,54,200 | 2,54,200 |
| Kozhikode .. .. | 3,65,000 | 3,18,000 |
| Mangalore .. .. | 3,30,000 | 3,30,000 |
| Tuticorin .. .. | 9,70,000 | 9,70,000 |
| Total .. | 20,38,200 | 19,91,200 |

(*d*) Against a total estimated cost of Rs. 24,78,200 for 23 schemes (19 in Madras State and 4 in Andhra State), the ceiling limit of central assistance by way of loan has been fixed at Rs. 10·39 lakhs. The total cost of the 19 schemes in the Madras State is estimated at Rs. 20,38,200 (subsequently revised to Rs. 19,91,200).

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The ceiling limit of central assistance for Madras State schemes has not been fixed separately. The loan will approximately be equal to half the total cost of the schemes. The loan to be granted by the Centre will have to be repaid in 30 years, the first 12 years of which will be free of interest charges and from the 13th year the loan will carry interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and it will have to be repaid in 18 equalled instalments of principal plus interest.

*Number of applications and appeals filed under the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act.*

36 *Q.*—Sri C. KANDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many disputes have been entertained by the various conciliation officers appointed under the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act, from the date of enforcement of the same Act, talukwar;

(*b*) how many disputes have been filed by tenants and pannaiyals and how many by landowners, talukwar, to the conciliation officers;

(*c*) how many disputes have been settled in favour of tenants and pannaiyals and how many disputes have been settled in favour of landowners, talukwar, by the conciliation officers;

(*d*) how many appeals were received so far by the Revenue Courts from the date of enforcement of the Act, talukwar;

(*e*) how many appeals were made by tenants and pannaiyals and how many by landowners, talukwar, to the Revenue Court; and

(*f*) how many appeals have been disposed of in favour of tenants and pannaiyals and how many in favour of landowners, talukwar, by the Revenue Court?

*A.*—(*a*) *to* (*f*) The answer [a] is laid on the table of the House.

*Ration shops in the South Arcot district.*

37 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of ration shops, fair price shops and relief shops that were or are existing in South Arcot district from 1942 up to 31st October 1953, how many of them are working now, what is the total deposit made by them and the total amount refunded up to 31st October 1953?

*A.*—The information required by the hon. Member is furnished in the statement [b] placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 480 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix III on pages 481–482 infra.

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*Recruitment to Indian Police Service.*

38 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Indian Police Service Officials in the employment of Madras State;

(*b*) the terms and conditions of their recruitment to the State Service;

(*c*) how many of the Indian Police Service Cadre have superseded employees in the Madras Police Service Cadre; and

(*d*) how many of the Madras Police Service Cadre have superseded employees in the Indian Police Service Cadre?

*A.*—(*a*) Thirty-five.

(*b*) Recruitment to the Indian Police Service which is an All-India Service is made under rules framed by the Government of India for the purpose. Candidates are selected on the results of a competitive examination and allotted for service in the States, according to the requirements of each State.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Indian Police Service and the Madras Police Service Cadres are two separate and distinct cadres and there is no common seniority list between the officers borne on the two cadres. The question of Indian Police Service Cadre Officers superseding the Madras Police Service Cadre Officers or *vice versa* does not therefore arise.

Twenty-five per cent of the senior duty posts borne on the Indian Police Service Cadre of the State is reserved for promotion of State Police Service Officers and if at any time for reasons of administrative necessity the number of State Police Service Officers officiating in senior posts exceeds the promotion quota, the reasons for it are furnished to the Government of India.

*Number of surcharges and certificates issued regarding expenditure incurred by local bodies.*

39 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the total number of surcharges and certificates issued regarding expenditure incurred by local bodies during the year 1952–53 in the Madras State and the amount involved?

*A.*—The total number of surcharges and certificates issued during 1952–53 was four involving an amount of Rs. 1,383–3–1.